

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Notice of Market Dominant
Price Adjustment

Docket No. R2018-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 4

(Issued October 23, 2017)

To assist the Commission in evaluating the Postal Service's Notice of Market Dominant Rate Adjustment in Docket No. R2018-1,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses and additional filings, when appropriate, to the following questions and requests for information. Responses to individual questions and, if applicable, additional filings, should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than October 25, 2017.

Domestic First-Class Mail

1. Please refer to Library Reference USPS–LR–R2018–1/1, October 6, 2017, Excel file “CAPCALC-FCM-R2018-1 Rev 10_19.xlsx,” tab “Single-Piece Flats.”
 - a. Please confirm that the Keys and ID Devices additional ounces reported in row 12 reflect those additional ounces from pieces weighing more than 4 ounces. If not confirmed, please explain why ounces from pieces weighing less than 4 ounces are included.
 - b. Please explain how the additional ounces specific to Keys and ID Devices are calculated from the additional ounces reported for First-Class Parcels in the Billing Determinants.

¹ Notice of Market Dominant Price Adjustment, October 6, 2017 (Notice). The Postal Service attached proposed revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) to the Notice (Attachment A).

First-Class Mail, Inbound Letter Post

2. The Commission's rules require the inclusion of "[m]ail volumes sent at rates under a negotiated service agreement . . . in the calculation of [the] percentage change in rates . . . as though they paid the appropriate rates of general applicability." 39 C.F.R. § 3010.24(a). The Commission's rules exclude mail volume sent under a negotiated service agreement when it is impractical to identify the rates of general applicability. *Id.* The Postal Service states that "ePacket volume is excluded from the Inbound Letter Post cap calculation because it is impractical to identify the rates of general applicability for that volume."²
 - a. Please provide justification for the Postal Service's statement that it is impractical to identify the rates of general applicability for that volume.
 - b. Please explain why the terminal dues rate for E format international letter post would not be the rate of general applicability for ePacket volume.

By the Chairman.

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² Response of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, October 19, 2017, question 3.c.